



Community Engagement Report – Calne Community Area

Calne Area Board

7th December 2021

Action Plan for the Calne Community Area Board

1. Purpose of the Report

- To receive feedback and note progress on priority actions identified in the area board action plan (Sept 2021).
- To confirm the removal of completed priority actions identified in the action plan:
 - Environment - Hold a Calne ECO Fair to promote and celebrate ideas about living sustainably and encourage community conversations – complete 06/11/21
 - Environment - Reconvene Air Quality Management Group and progress action plan. Complete 01/11/21 (group will now update Area Board directly).
 - Community Resilience - re-establish and develop the Calne Area Parish Forum Complete 20/10/2121 (group will now update Area Board directly).
 - Community Resilience - promote and develop the North Wiltshire Rivers Route - Sustrans National Cycle Route 4, Chippenham to Calne and Calne to Avebury. In progress (Area Board will receive updates through the CATG report).
- To request the Community Engagement Manager works with local groups and organisations and the relevant Area Board Champions to consider new actions for inclusion in the Action Plan priority list (appendix 1)
- To confirm that, where appropriate, the Calne Area Board will focus its time and resources upon existing and new priority actions during 2021/22.



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2. Update on the Calne action plan:

Since the last meeting, in September, Board Members and the Community Engagement Manager have been actively working with the community to move forward actions. Some are now complete, while others are still at a stage of development.

To date priority actions, listed below and displayed in **appendix 1**, have been identified and these can be categorised as short (a), mid (b) and longer term (c+) in their urgency/anticipated achievement:

Young people

- a) Reconvene the Community Area Youth Forum to confirm priority issues outlined in the Status Report and identify priority actions/activities that can be undertaken with and without the Area Board.

In progress – it is hoped the Forum will meet again in Jan/Feb 2022.

- (a) Develop Local Youth provision, street based and café style in the town and assess provision in the villages.

Complete and ongoing – working in partnership with Calne Town Council and The Rise (Youth) Trust.

- (b) Work with the Town Council to develop opportunities for local groups and organisations to understand their role in observing contextual safeguarding of young people in non-familial situations and also have robust safeguarding policies and procedures communicated to all staff/volunteers.

In progress – working with Calne Town Council to provide professionally facilitated safeguarding awareness training sessions and support for local volunteers and community groups (request for funding to be considered by the Area Board 07/12/2021).

(Area Board Members and Town Councillors will be encouraged to take part in this scheme).

- (c) Develop appropriate ways to engage and consult with local young people

In progress/ongoing –

- Wiltshire Council Youth Survey has been completed with a response from about 200 Calne Young People. (currently awaiting analysis of the detail behind those responses).



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- Wiltshire Young People’s Council has launched with positive engagement from Kingsbury Green Academy, the Youth Voice Team is also in contact with St Mary’s and Springfield Academy.
- Further work needs to be developed in collaboration with the Youth Forum especially linked to engaging with young people who are not in employment education or training, young people who are being home schooled and young people living with special educational needs and disabilities..

Older and Vulnerable People

(a) Audit of the activity clubs to establish which are planning to reopen.

In progress – the Community Engagement Manager has begun to collate information made available about activities and clubs providing opportunities for older and vulnerable people.

(b) Work with the Health and Social Care Forum to develop and promote activities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on physical activity, deconditioning and falls in older adults.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1010501/HEMT_Wider_Impacts_Falls.pdf

No action – There have not yet been any actions take or any reported to the Community Engagement Manager.

(c) Support the development of Calne Men’s Shed to secure a venue and sustainability.

In progress – the Community Engagement Manager has met with members of the Men’s Shed to help develop plans for the future.

(d) Support the ongoing development of the Celebrating Age project in the Area.

Complete and ongoing – The area board supported the development of this project in the Calne Community Area through Health and Wellbeing funding on 7th September 2021.

The Environment

A small steering group including the CEM, Cllr Thorn, Robert MacNaughton (Calne Town Council and the Friends of Marden Valley), Sue Deedigan (Calne W/O Parish Council) and Celia Stevens (Sustainable Calne) has been established to help drive this issue forwards.



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(a) Hold a Calne ECO Fair in October to promote and celebrate ideas about living sustainably and to encourage conversations about issues raised by the community groups.

Complete – A successful Calne EcoFest 2021 took place on 6th November 2021 – linking in with the COP26 summit, which took place in Glasgow at that time. It was estimated that around 500 local people attended the event over the course of a day, it received very positive local feedback and an update will be made to the area board on 7th December 2021.

(b) Air Quality Management Group – Progress action plan.

Complete and ongoing – The Air Quality Management reconvened on 1st November 2021 and Members will be asked to consider a revised community air quality action plan at the Area Board on 7th December 2021.

(c) Explore ways to promote and develop the Marden Valley sustainably, offering healthy, active opportunities for the community to engage in an exploration of the biodiversity of this locally important natural habitat.

Ongoing – The area board supported funding applications that will support the development of this action, from Friends of Marden Valley and Avon Needs Trees, on September 7th 2021 and will consider a further application at its meeting on 7th December 2021.

Economy

(a) Work with Wiltshire Council Regeneration officers, Calne Town Council and Calne Springs to establish actions

Ongoing – Discussions have taken place between representatives of the Area Board, Town Council and Local Business leaders to gain a feel for the current experiences of local business.

A new initiative designed to support ‘High Street’ traders is due to be launched imminently and it is hoped that Members, partners and community groups will help to promote and support the submission of applications for funding the development of high street businesses.

(b) Work with the Town Council and Citizens Advice/DWP to try and establish the domestic economic issues affecting local families.

No action – There have not yet been any specific actions identified or taken nor any reported to the Community Engagement Manager.



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(c) Identify and promote local initiatives to address Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and IT Poverty.

No action – There have not yet been any specific actions identified or taken nor any reported, however, there is a cross over with work currently taking place or planned in other priority areas (Environment, Young People, Older People etc).

(d) Identify and narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience.

No action – There have not yet been any specific actions identified or taken nor any reported

Community Resilience

(a) Work with Town and Parish Councils to re-establish and develop the Calne Area Parish Forum.

Complete and ongoing – The Calne Area Parish Forum reconvened on 20 October 2021 and Members will be invited to consider the notes and revised terms of reference at the Area Board on 7th December 2021. This Forum will now feedback directly to the Area Board.

(b) Work with Calne Town Council, the Local Youth Forum and the Health and Social Care Forum to run Safeguarding training sessions for local groups and organisations to promote an understanding of issues about contextual safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults and also to support the development of safeguarding policies.

In progress – working with Calne Town Council to provide professionally facilitated safeguarding awareness training sessions and support for local volunteers and community groups (request for funding to be considered by the Area Board 07/12/2021).

(c) Through the Section 106 working group, develop a network of safer routes for local people to move around the community area and beyond by foot, cycle and mobility transportation.

No action – There is currently no update from the S106 group, however, there is a cross over with work currently taking place or planned in other priority areas (Environment, Young People, Older People etc) and it is important that these are linked.

(d) Through CATG, work with Bremhill, Calne W/O, Calne and Cherhill Parish councils and Sustainable Calne to promote and develop the North Wiltshire



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Rivers Route - Sustrans National Cycle Route 4, Chippenham to Calne and Calne to Avebury.

In progress – this will now form an item on the CATG (Community Area Transport Group) agenda and feedback will be via that group.

3. Conclusion

The first 12 weeks of the adopted Calne Action Plan has seen a great deal of activity and some progress. Unsurprisingly some workstreams have moved forward faster and further than others.

The Action Plan has been designed to help keep track of activities and projects taking place and it is likely that some actions and projects have yet to be picked up.

Partners, community groups and individual volunteers are encouraged to let the area board know if they are starting a project which is addressing one of the priority issues and to remember that the Area Board is keen to focus its grants budgets upon projects which can demonstrate links to the Plan.

The Action Plan should not be a static document, but a dynamic framework, to be revised, adapted and updated as matters change, needs arise, and projects are completed.

As actions are completed and/or issues are resolved, they will be removed from the Action Plan and other issues raised in the Status report may move onto the plan.

Equally all other issues and actions may be progressed outside of the action plan as and when possible.

Other issues awaiting prioritisation in the Status report can be viewed at **appendix 2**.

4. Recommendations

- To receive feedback and note progress on priority actions identified in the area board action plan (Sept 2021 – Dec 2021).
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2. Background

Every 3 to 4 years, Wiltshire Council's public health department working with key partners and organisations, undertakes a thorough analysis of data available to provide a summary of the current and future needs of people in Wiltshire. This information which is called the "Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment" (JSNA) is broken down to and presented around Wiltshire's 20 community areas to help local communities in their prioritisation and decision making.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdown measures, it was agreed that each community area board would lead on the creation of a short "Community Area Status report" to capture and reflect the main messages from local data and community discussions. The intention was to also reflect some of the impact of the pandemic upon our community.



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This was brought to the Area Board in July 2021 and adopted. The next step was to use this information to help inform and select priorities that the Area Board would focus its resources upon.

All local organisations, groups, clubs and individuals have a desire and a joint responsibility to address local issues. The area board wanted to identify how it can best use what time, influence and resources it has in order to help make a difference. Area Boards in Wiltshire were asked to initially agree between 3 and 5 priorities to focus upon and then take some actions that will help address them. These priorities can be changed at any time if required. The criteria used to select them included:

- Is there evidence to suggest that this is a local issue that needs to be addressed?
- Is the Area Board best placed to take one or more actions that will help?
- Is there support for this from the wider community?
- Are there associated actions which can deliver desired outcomes within the next 18 months?

A rolling work plan is being maintained to record what actions have been proposed, their status and other information.

The Community Engagement Manager has been asked to provide an overview of progress which the Area Board has been involved in/or is aware of.

The action plan can be changed as and when the board thinks it appropriate, when actions have been completed and as new issues arise.

Each Area Board councillor has also been asked to champion one or more of the area board's chosen priorities.

Young People including young people living with SEND, (Health, wellbeing and positive activities) – Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

Older and Vulnerable People and families, (Health, wellbeing, isolation and access to services) – Cllr Tom Rounds

The Environment (addressing climate change targets) – Cllr Ian Thorn

The Economy (promotion of sustainable business and support for the economically vulnerable) – Cllr Tony Trotman

Community Resilience (cross community area communication and co-operation) – Cllr Ashley O'Neill.



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Appendix 1. Proposed Action Plan to be considered by Calne Area Board

Priority	Action	Leads	Partners Engaged	Funding Required	Comments	Status
Young People including those living with SEND, (Health, wellbeing & positive activities)	Reconvene the Community Area Youth Forum to confirm priority issues outlined in the Status Report and identify priority actions/activities that can be undertaken with and without the Area Board.	Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney	Calne Town Council, Kingsbury Green Academy, Rise Youth, Calne Wordfest,		Top priority	
	Develop Local Youth provision, street based and café style in the town and assess provision in the villages.		Parish Forum, Rise Youth, Kingsbury Green Academy	Yes. Funding application to Area Board 7/12/2021	Top priority	
	Develop opportunities for local groups and organisations to understand their role in observing contextual safeguarding of young people in non-familial situations and having robust safeguarding policies and procedures communicated to all staff/volunteers.		Calne Town Council	Yes, under investigation Funding application to Area Board 7/12/2021		
	Develop appropriate ways to engage and consult with local young people.		Calne Town Council, Kingsbury Green Academy, Home School Network, A Place for Us.			

Older and Vulnerable People & families, (Health, wellbeing, isolation and access to services)	Audit of the activity clubs to establish which are planning to reopen.	Cllr Tom Rounds	Calne Health and Social Care Forum, Calne Older People/Carers Voices.		Top Priority	
	Develop and promote activities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on physical activity, deconditioning and falls in older adults.		Calne Health and Social Care Forum, Calne Older People/Carers Voices.	Yes, under investigation		
	Support the development of Calne Men's Shed to secure a venue and sustainability.		Calne Men's Shed, Calne Older People/Carers Voices	Yes, under investigation		
	Support the ongoing development of the Celebrating Age project in the area.		Calne Older People/Carers Voices, Wiltshire Music Centre, Celebrating Age Wiltshire	Yes, funding request submitted to the Board)	Links directly to action identified in Status Report: Encourage, support and promote positive/accessible activities.	
The Environment addressing climate change targets	Hold a Calne ECO Fair in November to link with COP26 and promote and celebrate ideas about living sustainably and to encourage conversations about issues raised by the community groups. COMPLETE 06/11/21	Cllr Ian Thorn	Cllr Robert MacNaughton (Calne Town Council)/F-o-Marden Valley), Sue Deedigan (Calne W/O PC and Wiltshire Climate Alliance), Sustainable Calne.	Yes,	Top Priority	
	Progress actions from the Air Quality Management Group Action Plan. COMPLETE 01/11/21		Air Quality Management Group, Calne Town Council, Wiltshire Public Protection officers.			
	Explore ways to promote and develop the Marden Valley sustainably, offering healthy, active opportunities for the community to engage in an exploration of the biodiversity of this locally important natural habitat.		Friends of the Marden Valley, Calne Town Council, Calne W/O Parish Council, Bremhill Parish Council, Avon Needs Trees.	Yes - Funding application to Area Board 7/12/2021	2 funding applications 7/9/21	

The Economy (promotion of sustainable business and support for the economically vulnerable)	Establish current issues affecting local business and promote regeneration of the high street.	Cllr Tony Trotman	Calne Springs, Calne Town Council, Local Business For a, Vibrant Wiltshire Initiative.		Top priority	
	Identify main concerns for local families struggling as a result of economic vulnerability.		Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau, Calne Town Council, Calne Foodbank.			
	Identify and promote local initiatives to address Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty, and IT Poverty.		Calne Parish Forum, Calne Town Council, Calne Health and Social Care Forum.	Yes, under investigation.		
	Identify and narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience		Calne Springs, Calne Town Council, Local Business Fora.			
Community Resilience (cross community area communication and co-operation)	Work with Town and Parish Councils to re-establish and develop the Calne Area Parish Forum. Complete 20/10/21	Cllr Ashley O'Neill	Town and Parish Councils, Local Policing Team.			
	Develop safeguarding training sessions for local groups and organisations to promote an understanding about contextual safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults and also supporting the development of safeguarding policies.		Calne Town Council	Yes, Funding application to Area Board 7/12/2021	Top priority	
	Develop a network of safer routes for local people to move around the community area and beyond by foot, cycle and mobility transportation.		Section 106 working group, Wiltshire Council Highways dept, Calne Town Council.			
	Promote and develop the North Wiltshire Rivers Route - Sustrans National Cycle Route 4, Chippenham to Calne and Calne to Avebury. Will feedback via CATG in future (close)		CATG, Bremhill, Calne W/O, Cherhill & Calne Town/Parish councils, Calne Town Council and Sustainable Calne	Yes, under investigation		

Appendix 2: Issues identified in the status report for further consideration (those already escalated to the action plan are marked accordingly)

Issue	Possible actions (where identified)	Key supporting evidence source	Area Board priority streams – where relevant		Escalation to priority stream or other organisation leading
Links between poverty and literacy	<p>Identify, support and promote initiatives being developed locally regionally and nationally to support young people and families who are likely to be negatively impacted by a widening academic achievement gap.</p> <p>Explore opportunities to improve access to IT equipment and broadband for all young people and especially those living in economically vulnerable households.</p> <p>Promote literacy, book ownership and the love of stories.</p> <p>Maintain regular communication with the school and encourage/support their recovery curriculum and transition schemes.</p>	Youth focussed Area Board, Community Youth Discussions, feedback from detached Youth sessions and engagement with School Citizenship Students specific local groups and headteachers.	Young people	Economy	Economy

<p>Provision of joined up, relevant youth support, guidance and activities.</p>	<p>Develop new opportunities to provide a combination of ongoing street based/café style youth work providing support, signposting, mentoring.</p> <p>Encourage and support relevant activities for young people, especially during school holidays and at times of locally recognised anxiety.</p> <p>Develop links between local youth providers and encourage their ongoing conversations, training and development especially to new approaches to youth work, safeguarding and funding opportunities.</p>	<p>Youth focussed Area Board, Community Youth Discussions, feedback from detached Youth sessions and engagement with School Citizenship Students specific local groups and headteachers.</p>	<p>Young people</p>	<p>Young people</p>
<p>Listening to young people.</p>	<p>Discuss and develop a new, locally relevant forum, not necessarily aligned to the community area and not necessarily requiring young people to sit in a meeting.</p> <p>Develop new approaches to engage with young people, through street-based youth work, schools and technology etc.</p>	<p>Youth focussed Area Board, Community Youth Discussions, feedback from detached Youth sessions and engagement with School Citizenship Students specific local groups and headteachers.</p>	<p>Young people</p>	<p>Young people</p>

	<p>Encourage partners to adopt a common method of engagement (e.g. one cross agency youth survey).</p> <p>Develop joint working and share resources.</p> <p>Focus on needs and development opportunities</p>				
Social Isolation and access to activities for Older and Vulnerable people	Encourage, support and promote positive/accessible activities.	JSNA data/Calne Health and Social Care Forum/Calne Covid-19 volunteer support groups, Older People/Carer Champion.	Older and Vulnerable People		Older and Vulnerable People
IT poverty - Access to and support with IT for older/younger people, vulnerable adults (including economically vulnerable).		Older People Carer Voices group, Health and Wellbeing group, Older Peoples survey and discussions at Area Board/links to volunteers groups	Older and Vulnerable People	Economy	Economy
Access to transport for Older/Younger people and vulnerable adults(including economically vulnerable).		Older People Carer Voices group, Area Youth Forum, Older Peoples survey.	Older and Vulnerable People	Younger People	
Access to Medical services	Partnership working and communication with local surgeries	Discussions with partners, Calne Health and Social Care Forum/Calne Covid-19 volunteer support groups,			

		Older People/Carer Champion.		
Above Wiltshire average of people over 65 admitted to hospital as a result of falls.		JSNA data	Older and Vulnerable People	Older and Vulnerable People
Support and development of the Men's Shed is needed.		Health and Social Care Forum, Older People's Voices group.	Older and Vulnerable People	Older and Vulnerable People
33% of 10/11yr olds obese or overweight (1 in 3 children in year 6) above Wiltshire avg.		JSNA data		
11% of 0-19yr olds thought to be living in poverty.		JSNA data	Young People	Economy
45% of Energy Performance Certificates issued to homes in the area have a low efficiency rate of D-G.		JSNA data	Environment	
Higher than Wiltshire average rate of those admitted to hospital with an alcohol related issue.		JSNA data		
Perceptions of Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime	Develop and promote ongoing conversations between parish reps/local residents and Wiltshire Police.	Community Survey Results 2019, JSNA data		
Highway Infrastructure and Maintenance		Community Survey Results 2019		

Climate Change and Renewable Energies		Community Survey Results 2019, JSNA data, Sustainable Calne group	Environment		Environment	
Community Venues and Open Spaces		Community Survey Results 2019				
Personal debt and financial challenges are increasing rapidly		Office of National Statistics, JSNA data	Economy		Economy	
Transport is very difficult for non-car owners.		All partner discussions				
Link schemes do not have enough drivers		Link Schemes; Covid Support group conversations, Calne Health and Social Care Forum.				
Need to encourage/develop safer cycle routes across the community area.		Sustainable Calne, Calne Transport Strategy group, Calne Air Quality Management Group	Environment	Community Resilience	Community Resilience	
Encouraging/enabling walking in the Calne community area		Calne Air Quality management Group.	Environment	Community Resilience	Environment	Community Resilience
Need for more environmental housing with reduced carbon levels.		JSNA data and environmental groups	Environment		Environment	
Challenge to achieve energy performance targets and climate change targets in an affordable way		JSNA data and environmental groups	Environment		Environment	

Support and promotion of businesses affected by COVID-19.		Local Businesses and community discussions	Economy	Economy
Promotion of High Streets and Local Businesses		Local Businesses and community discussions	Economy	Economy
Seek to reduce the number of motor vehicles that pass through the Calne AQMA.		Calne Air Quality Action Plan, Calne Area Transport.	Environment	
Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area	Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area	Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area	Environment	
Promote walking for local journeys to School/work		Calne Air Quality Action Plan	Environment	Environment
Tree Planting Schemes in the Calne Air Quality Management Area		Calne Air Quality Action Plan	Environment	Environment
Food Poverty		Covid 19 Volunteer groups, Area Board discussions	Economy	Economy
Fuel Poverty		Covid 19 Volunteer groups, Area Board discussions	Economy	Economy